

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States of America to fund missions, organizations, and commissions led by Afghan women that work toward establishing the rights of Afghan women as equal participants in the Afghan society.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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Whereas, the women of Afghanistan have for years been denied basic human rights under a dictatorial and repressive governmental regime;

Whereas, women were treated like slaves, with no ability to speak, work, study, travel, communicate, or even show their faces in public;

Whereas, the effect of this repression was devastating, resulting in depression, hopelessness, public execution, and suicide;

Whereas, this repressive regime has been toppled, and a new government has been formed, offering hope that women will once again be welcomed as full citizens in Afghanistan;

Whereas, an organized effort is needed to help the women

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of Afghanistan reclaim their rightful place in their society and to help the new regime recognize the positive contributions that women will make toward the successful rebuilding of their country; and

Whereas, the United States government has pledged support to Afghanistan as it rebuilds: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate urges the Congress of the United States of America to fund missions, organizations, and commissions led by Afghan women that work toward establishing the rights of Afghan women as equal participants in the Afghan society.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to First Lady Laura Bush and each member of the Indiana Congressional delegation.

